

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

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**Claims 1-14 (canceled).**

15. (previously amended) A cutting tool assembly, said assembly comprising:  
a retainer sleeve including at least one radially outward projecting dimple;  
wherein said retainer has a cylindrical circumference and a thickness dimension,

the amount of radial projection of said dimple beyond the cylindrical surface of the retainer is about 15-30 percent of the thickness dimension of said retainer.

16. A cutting tool assembly according to claim 15, wherein said retainer sleeve includes a plurality of said dimples spaced relative to one another about the circumference of said retainer sleeve.

17. A cutting tool assembly according to claim 15, wherein said dimples are generally semi-spherical.

**Claims 18-28 (canceled).**

29. (previously amended) A retainer, said retainer comprising:  
a retainer sleeve including at least one radially outward projecting dimple;  
wherein said retainer has a cylindrical circumference and a thickness dimension,

the amount of radial projection of said dimple beyond the cylindrical surface of the retainer is about 15-30 percent of the thickness dimension of said retainer.

30. A retainer according to claim 29, wherein said retainer sleeve includes a plurality of said dimples equally spaced relative to one another about the circumference of said retainer sleeve.

**31. (canceled).**

32. (currently amended) A cutting tool assembly according to claim 15 wherein said dimples extend between about .007 -.020[0] inches beyond an exterior cylindrical surface of said retainer.

33. (previously added) A cutting tool assembly according to claim 17 wherein said dimple has a diameter of between about .06-.10 inches.

34. (previously added) A cutting tool assembly according to claim 17 wherein said retainer has a plurality of said dimples.

35. (previously added) A cutting tool assembly according to claim 17 further comprising:

a bit holder, and  
a cutter bit having a shank,  
wherein said retainer is connected to said shank, and said cutter bit and retainer are inserted in a bore formed in said bit holder.

36. (currently amended) A retainer according to claim 29 wherein said dimples extend between about .007 -.020[0] inches beyond an exterior cylindrical surface of said retainer.

37. (previously added) A retainer according to claim 29 wherein said dimple has a diameter of between about .06-.10 inches.

38. (previously added) A retainer according to claim 29 wherein said retainer has a plurality of said dimples.

39. (previously added) A cutting tool assembly, said assembly comprising:

a retainer sleeve including at least one radially outward protruding surface;  
wherein said retainer has a cylindrical circumference and a thickness dimension,

the amount of radial projection of said protruding surface beyond the cylindrical surface of the retainer is about 15-30 percent of the thickness dimension of said retainer.

40. (previously added) A retainer, said retainer comprising:  
a retainer sleeve including at least one radially outward protruding surface;  
wherein said retainer has a cylindrical circumference and a thickness  
dimension,

the amount of radial projection of said protruding surface beyond the  
cylindrical surface of the retainer is about 15-30 percent of the thickness dimension of said  
retainer.

41. (canceled).

42. (canceled).

43. (new) A generally cylindrical retainer, said retainer comprising:  
a retainer sleeve including at least two radially outward projecting dimples;  
wherein said retainer has a central longitudinal axis and a thickness dimension,  
and all said at least two dimples are generally located within a common radial plane,  
the amount of radial projection of said dimple beyond the cylindrical surface  
of the retainer is about 15-30 percent of the thickness dimension of said retainer,  
wherein said retainer is constructed from steel.

44. (new) A retainer according to claim 43 wherein said at least two  
dimples extend between about .007 -.020 inches beyond an exterior cylindrical surface of  
said retainer.

45. (new) A retainer according to claim 44 wherein said dimple has a  
diameter of between about .06-.10 inches.

46. (new) A retainer according to claim 29 wherein said retainer has an  
endface, and a bottom end, wherein a slit extends from said bottom end to said endface.

47. (new) A retainer according to claim 40 wherein said retainer has an  
endface, and a bottom end, wherein a slit extends from said bottom end to said endface.